

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022

Superior National Forest

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Project Name	Proje	ct Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Projects Occurring Nationwide						
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.us
			nt of Agriculture proposes revision operations on National Forest Systemate 2020			
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=57214			
		regulations apply to	evel Units. STATE - All States. C all NFS lands open to mineral ent sda.gov/science-technology/geolog	ry under the US minin	g laws. More Infor	mation is available

Superior National Forest, Fores	Superior National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) R9 - Eastern Region							
2021 Rainy-River Watershed Minerals Withdrawal EA	- Minerals ar	nd Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/21/2021	Expected:06/2022	08/2022	Matthew Judd 218-626-4300 matthew.judd@usda.go		
NEW LISTING	Description: The Forest Service has proposed a 20-year withdrawal of approx. 225,378 acres of National Forest S from disposition under laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing on the Superior National Fore valid existing rights							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.	gov/project/?project=60916					
	Location:	See application, ap	ntional Forest All Units. STATE - Market Pendix A. The Federal lands are lowers Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA	ocated within a portion	of the Rainy River	r watershed, outside		

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Superior National Forest, Forest	Superior National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) R9 - Eastern R0							
School Trust Land Exchange EIS *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/11/2017 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2022	Expected:11/2022	11/2022	Peter Taylor 218-626-4368 prtaylor@fs.fed.us			
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda Location: UNIT - Superior N	exchange federal Superior National BWCAW) for Minnesota School Trua.gov/project/?project=45943 ational Forest All Units. STATE - Main Cook, Lake and Saint Louis Courlinnesota.	st land located inside innesota. COUNTY	the BWCAW. - Cook, Lake, St. L	ouis. LEGAL -			

Superior National Forest, Occur	Superior National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) R9 - Eastern Region							
TNC Riparian Planting CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jason Butcher 218-229-8830 jtbutcher@fs.fed.us			
	Description: We propose planting in riparian areas on national forest system lands within the Baptism, Manitou, Two Island, Poplar, & Cascade River watersheds. The purpose of the project is to enhance and restore the aquatic ecosystems.							
	Not Applicable. T	anger District, Tofte Ranger District. he Baptism, Manitou, Two Island, Po of the Superior NF.						

Superior National Forest Gu	unflint Ranger District (excluding	R9 - Eastern Region						
Chik Wauk Overlooks and Trapper Cabin Access	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/15/2019	Expected:01/2022	09/2022	Ryan Blaisdell 218-387-3220			
CE					ryan.blaisdell@usda.go			
		Description: Chik Wauk Museum and Nature Center is proposing to construct two overlooks in surrounding special use permit area as well a staircase/trail to Trappers Cabin interpretive site.						
		The second secon						
	Section 30. Proje	cts located within Chik Wauk Muse	um special use permit a	rea located off of	Moose Pond Drive.			

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Superior National Forest Gunt	lint Ranger D	istrict (excluding P	rojects occurring in more than o	ne District)		R9 - Eastern Region
DNR timber access requests CE	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2021	Expected:02/2022	02/2022	Luke Laaveg 218-626-4300 x4324 luke.laaveg@usda.gov
UPDATED	Description:	MN DNR access re	quests on the Gunflint Ranger Disti	rict includes Nester cr	eek and Greenwoo	od Lake.
	Location:		nger District. STATE - Minnesota. nd 6- Nester 63N R1E Sections 1,			
East Zone Trails and Roads Management Project EA		management management agement	Completed	Actual: 11/08/2021	11/2021	Orry Hatcher 928-368-2108 ohatcher@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	Description: Web Link:	addition, culvert ren	authorize a series of trails, and deconount reclassification, and decomorgov/project/?project=54973			
	Location:	UNIT - Gunflint Ran	nger District. STATE - Minnesota. fte and Gunflint Ranger Districts.	COUNTY - Cook, La	ke. LEGAL - Not A	Applicable. Trails
Expressway Route Snowmobile Trail Reroute	- Watershed	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Amy Wilfahrt 218-387-3771 amy.wilfahrt@usda.gov
	Description:		f the Expressway Snowmobile Trai floodplain of Bluff Creek. Remove			
	Location:		nger District. STATE - Minnesota. ely 25 miles north of Grand Marais,			
Hungry Jack 3B structure imporovement.	- Special use	management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2022	Expected:03/2022	09/2022	Ryan Blaisdell 218-663-8603 ryan.blaisdell@usda.go v
NEW LISTING	Description:		ce permit holder is proposing to im 6u2019 x 9%u2019 addition to curr			
	Location:	UNIT - Gunflint Ran Section 2.	ger District. STATE - Minnesota.	COUNTY - Cook. LE	EGAL - Not Applica	ıble. T 64N, R1W,

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Superior National Forest Gunt	lint Ranger Dis	strict (excluding P	rojects occurring in more than o	ne District)		R9 - Eastern Region		
Moose habitat maintenance and enhancement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish,	Rare plants	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2021	Expected:01/2022	02/2022	David Grosshuesch 218-663-8076 david.grosshuesch@us da.gov		
NEW LISTING			ovement on 1,180 acres on the Toferican woodcock and ruffed grouse					
		District units include	ger District. STATE - Minnesota. : C176 S15, 16; C215 S02, 09, 10, 5 S66; C121 S16, 27, 29, 31, 47 ar	, 13, 26, 29, 38 and 5	D. Tofte District un			
Osprey Pit Expansion CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road manage	ement	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2021	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	John Olson 218-387-3219 john.olson@usda.gov		
NEW LISTING	Description: E	Expansion of Ospre	y gravel pit to provide material for o	crushed aggregate to	be placed on Trou	t Lake Road.		
		JNIT - Gunflint Ran 333.	ger District. STATE - Minnesota.	COUNTY - Cook. LE	GAL - Not Applica	ble. T63N, R2E,		
Pincushion Mountain Trail Reroute CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation m	anagement	Completed	Actual: 11/17/2021	02/2022	Cathleen Quinn 218-387-3240 cathleen.quinn@usda.g ov		
OFDATED		Description: This project would involve adding a user developed trail that already exists on the landscape to the NF system. No new construction is anticipated but reconstruction of the trail would occur.						
			ger District. STATE - Minnesota. n recreation area near Grand Mara		GAL - T61N, R1E	, Sec 15.		

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Superior National Forest Gur	nflint Ranger District (excluding P	rojects occurring in more than o	ne District)		R9 - Eastern Region	
TwinGreen Project EA	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Forest products Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management Watershed management Road management 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/27/2021	Expected:05/2022	06/2022	Orry Hatcher 928-368-2108 ohatcher@fs.fed.us	
	hazard fuels reducti	ject aims to promote diverse, resilie on, vegetation management, and w gov/project/?project=59281			mplished through	
	T62N R1W; T62N, I web map at the follo	ger District. STATE - Minnesota. R1E; T63N R1W; T63N R1E; T63N owing link: cgis.com/apps/webappviewer/inde:	I R2E; T64N R1W, T6	34N R1E - all vario	us sections. See the	
Wye Gravel Pit Expansion CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2021	Expected:03/2022	04/2022	John Olson 218-387-3219 john.olson@usda.gov	
NEW LISTING	Description: Expansion of existing gravel pit to produce aggregate road surfacing for re-conditioning Kawishiwi Lake Road, 354.					
	Location: UNIT - Gunflint Ran S5.	ger District. STATE - Minnesota.	COUNTY - Cook. LE	EGAL - Not Applica	ble. T60N, R6W,	

Superior National Forest	Kawishiwi Range	vishiwi Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region						
Greenwood Fire Salvage Project CE	- Vegetation	orest products In Progress: Expected:01/2022 01/2022 Scoping Start 11/02/2021 ener than forest products)						
NEW LISTING	Description	Description: The Kawishiwi Ranger District proposes to salvage harvest up to 250 acres of moderately to severely damaged trees within the Greenwood Fire perimeter, which burned around 26,797 acres on the Superior National Forest during the summer of 2021.						
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usd	a.gov/project/?project=61038					
	Location:							

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Superior National Forest Kaw	vishiwi Ranger District (exclu	ding Projects occurring in more than	one District)		R9 - Eastern Region
Twin Metals Minnesota Environmental Impact Statement EIS	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/30/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2022	Expected:09/2022	10/2022	Derek Strohl 414-297-4416 BLM_ES_TMM_comme nts@blm.gov
		ad preparation of an EIS to analyze po mine plan for an underground copper- l.			
	Web Link: https://eplannin	g.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/150323	3/510		
	The proposed a	wi Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota activities would occur approximately 10 of the South Kawishiwi River.			
Twin Metals Minnesota Hydrogeologic Field Investigation Activities Environmental Assessment	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/06/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2022	Expected:03/2022	05/2022	Eric Wirz 218-626-4359 ewirz@fs.fed.us
EA *UPDATED*	Maturi Deposit. data collection.	alyze baseline data regarding the hydra Also proposes special use permits for g.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2003780	temporary access and		
		wi Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota		LEGAL - Not Appli	cable. 5 Miles

Superior National Forest LaCroix Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - East								
Echo Rapids Road washout repair project	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/21/2020	Expected:01/2022	05/2022	Erich Grebner 218-666-0056 or 0053 egrebner@fs.fed.us			
UPDATED	washed down	escription: Project proposes to repair culvert washout on Echo Rapids Road. Activities include removing old culverts, gravel washed downstream, installing new culvert, and repairing the road. The existing fish rearing pond, which in no longer in use, will be						
		ix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesot Echo Rapids Road north of Echo Lake		LEGAL - Not Ap	plicable. Forest			

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Superior National Forest LaCı	roix Ranger District (excluding I	Projects occurring in more than o	ne District)		R9 - Eastern Region	
LaCroix Landscape Project EA	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Forest products Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2022	Expected:03/2023	03/2023	Michael Johnson 907-288-7729 mwjohnson@fs.fed.us	
	an all lands approa multiple land owne	•				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda	.gov/project/?project=55309				
		nger District. STATE - Minnesota. ,000 acres of federal, state, county,	COUNTY - St. Louis tribal, industrial and p			
Lac1076.56 MN DNR 218 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/28/2021	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us	
NEW EloTino	Description: Access to State land for management activities.					
	Location: UNIT - LaCroix Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T64N R16W Sec 28. 14.5 miles down the 200 Rd.					
Lac1076.57 MN DNR Echo Trail CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/28/2021	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us	
NEW LISTING	Description: Access to State lar	nd for management activities.				
		nger District. STATE - Minnesota. an Sioux BWCAW Entry Point.	COUNTY - St. Louis.	LEGAL - T65N R	15W sec 1,2,9,11.	
Lac664104 Frank Akins CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Access to private la	and across federal. Reissue of exist	ing special use permi	t.		
		nger District. STATE - Minnesota. 5&9. Off the 200 Road.	COUNTY - St. Louis	LEGAL - T64N R	16W sec32&33,	

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Superior National Forest La	onal Forest LaCroix Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				
Lac667903 Nick Eastman	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/03/2020	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	·	and across federal. Reissue of exist			20W sec 27. Off

Superior National Forest Laurentian Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region								
Erik Nelson CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us			
	Description: Access to private land across federal. Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T60N R18W Sec. 23. North of Hwy 53 East of the Seppi Pit road will be 40 feet wide road, .60 miles long, approximately 2.91 acres.							
FRTA Easement St. Louis County CSAH Sturgeon River Bridge Replacement CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/01/2021	11/2021	Jon Van Alstine 218-626-4319 jon.vanalstine@usda.go v			
UPDATED	Description: FRTA Easement to facilitate replacement and maintenance of Sturgeon River Bridge CSAH 65 St. Louis County Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - S1/2 SE, Sec 17, T60NR20W. CSAH 65 Southwest of Cook, MN.							

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Giants Ridge Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fig. - Forest prod - Vegetation (other than fo	management prest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/04/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Linda Merriman 218-365-2095 linda.merriman@usda.g ov	
		described in the For	ger District proposes activities to neest Plan, while maintaining scenic				
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=60037				
	Location:	Superior National F	Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota orest is proposing vegetation mana iwabik, MN and west of Giants Rid	agement on National			
Lau1070-47 MN DNR Pfeiffer Lk Rd CE	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/25/2021	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us	
NEW LISTING	Location: UNIT - Laurentian Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - St. Louis. LEGAL - T61N R17W Se Approximately 2.5 miles South of Hwy 1 off the Pfeiffer Lake Rd.						
Lau1070-48 MN DNR Taconite Tr CE	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/25/2021	Expected:06/2022	06/2022	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us	
NEW LISTING	Description: Access to State land for management activities.						
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota ail SW of Pfeiffer Lake.	a. COUNTY - St. Lo	uis. LEGAL - T61N	R17W sec.29.	
Seven Beavers Snowmobile Trail Re-route CE	- Recreation	management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Tim Engrav 218-666-0025 tengrav@fs.fed.us	
	Description: To construct a new snowmobile trail re-route in the Skibo road area (Forest Road 120).						
	Location:		Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota 80; T58N-R14W Sections 22,23,24				

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Sipila Access CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Janel Portz 218-229-8823 jportz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Access to private la Location: UNIT - Laurentian F 10 miles N of Virgin	Ranger District. STATE - Minnesot	a. COUNTY - St. Lo	uis. LEGAL - T60N	N R17W sec 5 & 6.

Superior National Forest Toft	e Ranger District (excluding Pro	pjects occurring in more than one	District)		R9 - Eastern Region		
Harriet Lake Lot 6 addition CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/20/2020	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Ryan Blaisdell 218-663-8603 ryan.blaisdell@usda.go v		
	Description: Add 16 foot by 16 foot (256 sq. ft)screened porch addition on the east side of their cabin. Extend the roof eaves out five feet on the west side for an open porch that includes an 8 by 5 foot (40 sq. ft.) enclosure for a mud room. Replace windows.						
	Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T 60N R 6W Section 20. T 60N R 6W Section 20- Harriet Lake (Lake County).						
Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project EIS	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/10/2021 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2022	Expected:07/2022	07/2022	Michael Jimenez 218-626-4383 mjimenez@fs.fed.us		
	 Description: Lutsen Mountains has requested a special use permit to expand their ski resort onto 550 acres of adjacent National Forest System lands administered by Superior National Forest. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52440 						
	1	Docation: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Cook. LEGAL - T60N R3W S28, T60N R3W S29, T60N R3W S30, T60N R3W S31, T60N R3W S32. Lutsen Resort in Cook County, Minnesota.					

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Superior National Forest Tofte	or National Forest Tofte Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)							
MN DNR timber access requests Tofte Ranger District	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2021	Expected:02/2022	02/2022	Luke Laaveg 218-626-4300 x4324 luke.laaveg@usda.gov		
UPDATED	Description:	escription: MN DNR timber access requests for Cloquet Lake, Plum Lake, Wanless Spurs and Caribou Trail.						
		1, 2 Plum Lake: T60	r District. STATE - Minnesota. C0 NN, R7W, Sec 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 14 ns 34 and 35 Caribou: T60N, R3W	4, 15 Wanless Spur: ⁻	Γ59N R7W Section	ns2, 3,4, 9, 10,		
Minnesota DNR Road Access Requests (Crown Lake, Rota Lake, Comfort Lake, Mistletoe	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2021	Expected:02/2022	02/2022	Isaac Heruth 218-370-0140 isaac.heruth@usda.gov		
Creek) CE *NEW LISTING*		e place on 6,830' of USFS land. 6,7	st access is needed by the Minnesota DNR. New temp road FS land. 6,708 feet of snowmobile trail will be used. 5,876 feet of					
	Location: UNIT - Tofte Ranger District. STATE - Minnesota. COUNTY - Lake of the Woods. LEGAL - Township 61North, Range 7 West, Sections 15 & 22. Township 61 North, Range 3 West, Sections 26, 27 & 35. To North, Range 7 West, Sections 15 & 22. Township 58 North, Range 9 West, Section 3. The project is loc miles northeast of the community of Isabella, in Lake County Minnesota.					7 & 35. Township 61		
Mountain Lodge Snowmobile Trail Reroute CE	- Recreation ı	management	Completed	Actual: 10/06/2021	12/2021	Luke Laaveg 218-626-4300 x4324 luke.laaveg@usda.gov		
UPDATED	Description: This snowmobile trail crosses private land where the landowner will no longer allow the trail. This project proposes to reroute the snowmobile trail on approximately 200 feet of national forest system land and private land owned by Mountain Lodge.							
	Location:	UNIT - Tofte Range Ranger District.	r District. STATE - Minnesota. Co	OUNTY - Cook. LEG	AL - T60N, R3W S	ec 28. Tofte		

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Tofte Landscape Project EA *UPDATED*	 Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Forest products Vegetation management (other than forest products) Fuels management Watershed management Road management 	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/16/2021	Expected:04/2022	04/2022	Peter Taylor 218-626-4368 prtaylor@fs.fed.us	
	on the district over the http://www.fs.usda. Location: UNIT - Tofte Range project area is the limited by the second seco	the next 15 years, using a 'flexible' gov/project/?project=55216 or District. STATE - Minnesota. Conference Ranger District, excluding the areas, Research Natural Areas, and	toolbox' approach. OUNTY - Cook, Lake Boundary Water's Ca	. LEGAL - Not Appanoe Area Wilderne	olicable. This	

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